

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraphs that were added before page 1, line 5 by the previously-filed Preliminary Amendment with the following amended paragraphs.

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of International Application No. PCT/FR02/01836, filed May 31, 2002, which is based upon and claims priority from prior French Patent Application No. 01-07446, filed June 7, 2001. The entire disclosures of these prior applications are herein incorporated by reference.

Additionally, this application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. [____] (~~Attorney Docket No. 01-MEY-053-DIV~~) 10/726,421, filed December 3, 2003, now [____] U.S. Patent No. 6,961,295, which is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/542,681, filed April 3, 2000, now [____] U.S. Patent No. 6,990,058. The entire disclosures of these prior applications are herein incorporated by reference.